[The President.]

and Measures Regulation since the date on which they were empowered to do so is 51.

5. With reference to the answer given to Question No. 16 (*a*) *re* issue of rules by the District Magistrates under Section 23 of the Police Regulation, IV of 1095, at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th July, 1922, the answer is in the negative.

6. With reference to the supplementary question to Question No. 8 *re* pay of Mr. S. C. H. Robinson, the Devicolam Commissioner, while he was in the British Indian Service, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 25th July, 1922, the following information is furnished :

Mr. Robinson was drawing a pay of Rs. 350 *plus* a local allowance of Rs. 50 in the British Indian Service before he joined the State Service. Government considered that he was fully competent to discharge the duties entrusted to him as Commissioner and District Magistrate, Devicolam, and so appointed him to that post.

7. With reference to the supplementary question to Question No. 20 *re* the particular disciplinary rules violated by the teachers who attended the conference at Ettumanur, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th July, 1922, the following information is furnished :

Without disobeying an express rule, discipline can be violated ; and in this case, the teachers are reported to have been punished for conduct, incompatible with their position as Government servants in that they participated in the passing of resolutions which are of an objectionable and insubordinate character.

8. With reference to the supplementary question to Question No. 58 *re* the number of students accommodated in the Arts College in 1919 or 1920, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th August, 1922, the following information is laid on the table :

631 students were accommodated in His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum, during 1919, and 670 in 1920.

MATTER OF PROCEDURE.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY : Sir, I wish to know whether we are entitled to put supplementary questions in respect of these answers.

PRESIDENT : In regard to the answers furnished to supplementary questions asked on the last occasion, I cannot allow further supplementary questions being put now. If, however, the answers furnished are not answers to supplementary questions, you may put supplementary questions upon them.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS.

PRESIDENT : Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai has handed over to me a motion for the adjournment of the business of this Council

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for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance. The motion requires my consent before the sense of the Council is ascertained. I find that the motion relates to the handcuffing of Mr. Madhavan, Vakil, Munsiff's Court, and Judge of the Panchayat Court, Haripad, on the 25th and says that he was taken under arrest to the First Class Magistrate, Alleppey, under a non-bailable warrant issued by the latter in connection with an enquiry under Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code. I must very regretfully refuse to give my consent to this motion.

I have two reasons for this. The first reason is that if, as stated, this incident has taken place, it has already taken place and I do not see how it can be *a matter of urgent public importance* to discuss the incident at the present moment. The incident is alleged to have taken place on the 25th Thulam, while it is the 5th Vrischikam to-day. My second reason is that Government, at present, are not in possession of any reliable information concerning the said event, and hence I do not think that any discussion at this stage is likely to afford that material which is necessary for a full discussion of the matter in this House. For these reasons, I am very regretfully obliged to withhold my consent to this motion.

REGULATION ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Sir, I beg to announce that the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 27th Karkadakam, 1097/11th August, 1932 and became law as Regulation XII of 1097.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, it is proposed that certain committees of officials and non-officials should be appointed to consider certain matters of importance. They are:

(1) the consideration of the draft revised rules for the constitution and conduct of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly; (2) the consideration of the working of the Government Press; (3) the consideration of the rules governing educational scholarships; and (4) the consideration of the question of accommodation in His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum.

I request that the non-official members of this House will be pleased to meet under the presidency of the Deputy President after the day's business is over, and elect from among them the members who wish to sit on those committees. Government desire that, for the first committee, *i. e.*, the committee to consider the draft revised rules for the constitution and conduct of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, five non-official members should be elected. For the committee to consider the working of the Government Press three non-official members have to be elected, and for the two committees to consider the questions of educational scholarships and college accommodation, five non-officials each.

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